

BEFORE THE
POSTAL REGULATORY COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20268

DSCF STANDARD MAIL LOAD LEVELING

Docket No. N2014-1

**UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
RESPONSE TO DAVID B. POPKIN INTERROGATORIES
(DBP/USPS-1-7)
(January 14, 2014)**

The United States Postal Service hereby provides institutional responses to the above-identified interrogatories of David B. Popkin, filed January 7, 2014.

The interrogatories are stated verbatim and followed by the response.

Objections to interrogatories DBP/USPS 8-10 are filed separately.

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DBP/USPS-1

Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to confirm, that the changes proposed in this proceeding relate only to turnaround mail that is deposited at a single P&DC for delivery at associated offices served by that P&DC.

RESPONSE

Not confirmed. “Turnaround mail” usually refers to mail that is collected from multiple locations within the service area of a processing facility, processed and sorted at that facility, and then delivered to addresses within its service area. In that sense, DSCF Standard Mail is not “turnaround mail.” Everything after the word “turnaround” in the question would be a fair attempt to describe the Standard Mail affected by the proposed change.

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DBP/USPS-2

Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to confirm, that when this DSCF mail is accepted at the P&DC it will have a colored tag associated with it to indicate the delivery date based on the existing service standards.

RESPONSE

Not confirmed. The mail is not necessarily tagged when it is presented for acceptance. A tag is applied by the Postal Service after the mail has been accepted.

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DBP/USPS-3

Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to confirm, that if the service standards calculate out to fall on a holiday, the DSCF mail will then be coded to the following date.

RESPONSE

Not confirmed. However, mail processing personnel guided by the *First In, First Out* principle, which drives the Color Code Policy, are expected to give priority in dispatch, processing and delivery to mail with the earlier expected delivery day (as represented by the affixed color coded label) as they conduct operations affected by a holiday or other non-delivery day.

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DBP/USPS-4

Please confirm, or explain if you are unable to confirm, that under normal conditions, the DSCF mail will be held at the P&DC until the scheduled delivery date at which point it will be processed as DPS mail along with First-Class Mail which will be required to be delivered that day.

RESPONSE

Not confirmed. Normal conditions can also include dispatching bundles of DSCF-entered walk-sequenced mail to delivery units in advance of the third day after acceptance.

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DBP/USPS-5

Under what conditions, if any, will this DSCF mail be processed earlier or later than the scheduled delivery date?

RESPONSE

All properly accepted DSCF is expected to receive some level of processing before the third day after acceptance, which is the last delivery day that meets the applicable service standard. Processing of properly accepted DSCF Standard Mail after that day would be the result of some operational or system failure.

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DBP/USPS-6

How does Presorted Standard Mail arriving from other P&DC facilities throughout the country integrate with the DSCF Mail?

RESPONSE

Presorted mail from other P&DC facilities will be integrated with DSCF mail via automated, mechanized or manual processing operations.

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DBP/USPS-7

How does Presorted Standard Mail originating at associated offices within the given P&DC integrate with the DSCF Mail?

RESPONSE

Presorted mail from other P&DC facilities will be integrated with DSCF mail via automated, mechanized or manual processing operations.